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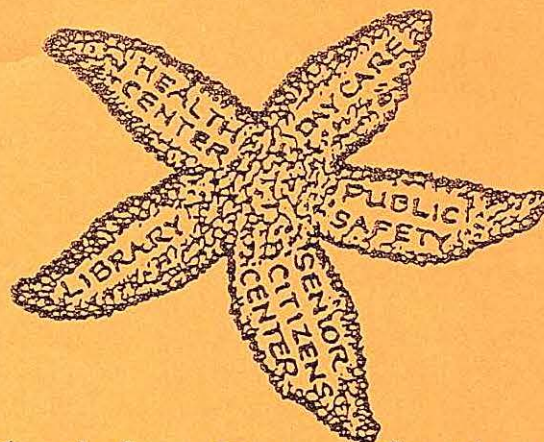
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

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What's Up With The Taxi . . .

We're providing low-cost transportation for all islanders and make about 110 trips a week. Like you, we're experiencing increased fuel and maintenance costs and this year we're facing a shortfall of about \$2,500. As a result, we've not been adding to our fund to replace our van within the next two years and the Board is working hard to ensure that the Taxi service is sustainable.

We've gotten generous advertising support from People's United Bank and Rhonda Berg and we've received a corporate gift from Lionel Plante Associates. This past week, Paul M on 3rd street was riding and saw our loose change box for offsetting our fuel costs. He gave us his whole loose change jar and pounds of cash! Hats off to Paul!

Here's how you can help us sustain the Taxi: ride more. Let us deliver your groceries, flowers, pizza, and school kids on rainy days. Stop by the Taxi and help us fill up our loose change box. Watch for our fund raisers and be sure to buy plenty of 50/50 raffle tickets before the drawing on October 9th. We'll be around the island selling tickets and you don't want to miss out. Our goal is to raise \$1000 so some lucky person can win \$500 cash for the holidays.

News from the Peaks Island Food Pantry

THANK YOU!!! Thanks to the generosity of our island community, we were able to collect over 300 pounds of food and \$128 at our first annual Labor Day Food Drive. It was extremely gratifying to see how many people made a special trip down front with bags of donations. Thank you, thank you! Thanks go out to Nicole Evans, as well. Nicole arranged the donation of some of the food collected at Portland's United Way food drive to the Peaks Island food pantry.

WE'RE MOVING!!! The Peaks Island Food Pantry is going to be moving to Brackett Memorial Church. We will be open at our new location starting on Monday, November 7th. Opening hours will be Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-6:00 pm. Our thanks to the Peaks Island Workshop and their staff, who have hosted and served the food pantry for so many years. If you have any questions about the food pantry—move, donations, or pick-up— please call Susan Hanley, 766-2735.

Subscriptions to the Peaks Island STAR

If you would like to receive the STAR in the mail, September through June, come into the library or mail \$8 with your name and mailing address to: Peaks Island STAR, c/o Peaks Island Branch Library, 129 Island Avenue, Peaks Island ME 04108. Checks should be made to the Peaks Island STAR. The STAR is not mailed in July and August.

Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation

9 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine

Pastor: Rev. Desi Larson; 207-766-5013; www.brackettmumc.org



Sunday Worship 10 a.m., with childcare and followed by coffee fellowship.

“Blessing of the Animals/St. Francis of Assisi Sunday” Sunday, October 2, 10 a.m. Join us for this special service which will include song, prayer, and blessing of the animals. Bring your leashed or caged pets. On the church lawn (fellowship hall if inclement weather). Everyone welcome!

Children’s Choir Some Mondays, 2:45-3:15 p.m. Contact Mavourneen Thompson for specifics 899 1471.

Scripture Study Tuesdays, 8:30-10:00 a.m., parsonage. All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Thursdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m., parsonage. All are welcome! For more information, contact Emily Sherwood, 766-5545.

Open Tweens – After School Drop-In Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-6:00p.m.. Grades 6 – 8. Hang out with friends + play games + do homework + work on projects + make music and art + eat snacks + get wi-fi and computer access + take trips + visit special guests + watch movies + bake cookies + more!

Taizé Prayer Service Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Prayers, chants, and quiet meditation.

Fall Rummage Sale!! Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Don’t miss it! Contact Cathy Shaw with questions about donations, to volunteer to help, or for more information at 766-3394.

Tween Night Two Fridays, October 14 and 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m.. Pizza, pingpong, movies, and more! Open to all islanders and their friends grades 6 – 8.

Benefit Concert Saturday, October 15, in the evening, Island Musicians. Contact Nicole d’Entremont.

Church Supper Thursday, October 27, 5-6:30p. Theme: “Oktoberfest”! Free and open to everyone!

St. Christopher’s Catholic Church

Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746

Parochial Vicar: Father Michael Seavey

Sunday Mass is at 10:00 AM followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are invited - details are on-line www.cluster21portland.org.

Information: Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call Father Lou.

AA: Meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

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Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT reminds all Islanders to update emergency supplies.

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October at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building

766-5540

email peaks@portland.lib.me.us

Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12



The Very Scary Mrs. Crowley-Rockwell will be back! Halloween Story and Craft Program geared towards 5 – 8 year-olds, Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 pm. You don't want to be late. The beginning is the best part. Children are welcome to come in pajamas so they can tuck into bed as soon as you get home. As usual, there will be refreshments appropriate for the occasion.

Nursery Rhyme Time Wednesdays at 11 am. **PreSchool Story Time** Fridays at 10:15.
All island children and visitors are welcome at these programs.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: At the September meeting, those present chose books for the rest of the year:

October 4,	<i>Freedom</i> by Jonathan Franzen.
November 1,	<i>Warriors don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High School</i> by Melba Beals
December 6,	<i>Tough Island: True Stories from Matinicus, Maine</i> by Crash Barry
January 3,	<i>Thirteen Moons</i> , a Novel by Charles Frazier
February 7,	<i>Caleb's Crossing</i> by Geraldine Brooks
March 6,	<i>Late Nights on Air</i> by Elizabeth Hay
April 3,	<i>In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin</i>
May 1,	<i>Sarah's Key</i> by Tatiana de Rosnay
June 5,	<i>Children and Fire</i> by Ursula Hegi
July 3,	<i>Human Smoke: the Beginnings of World War II, the End of Civilization</i> by Nicholson Baker
August 7,	<i>When We Were Orphans</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro

To reserve a library copy, come in, call or email us.

Portland Adult Education on Peaks Island

Portland Adult Ed is offering a six-week Brief Introduction to Shakespeare to be held on Peaks Island. This year's selections are *Richard the Third* and *Othello*. The classes will meet at the Community Center from 1:30 – 3:30 pm on successive Wednesdays from October 12 through November 16. Roy Mottla is the instructor. Inexpensive Folger Editions of the plays are available at Longfellow Books. Registration, including the \$5.00 course fee, is by telephone (775-0432) or email. Send a check made out to PAE to Portland Adult Education, 1600 Forest Avenue, Portland ME 04103.

PEAKS ISLAND TAX AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE

On the weekend of the 18th of September, in the New York Times Magazine there is an excellent article about Block Island and their fund established to help Islanders. Block Island has a sizeable seasonal community as well as those who vacation on the island in the summer. Come fall those who are seasonal residents and the vacationers leave the Island much as they do on Peaks and other islands in Casco Bay. Those who reside year round sometimes need a little assistance to get them through the winter. Mary Donnelly, who is over 80, runs the Mary D. fund. The funds raised at an island-wide fundraiser are used to financially assist those who need a bill paid or grocery money, etc. Mary insists on paying the bill herself.

Our island is a wonderful summer venue as well, with friends and neighbors from away returning to the Island in April and May. Summer visitors are also here every day to enjoy a day or week on the island. In September and October, our friends return to their homes away. During the winter months some of us who are permanent residents or renters may need some financial assistance. The state of the economy has made island living more difficult as the costs keep rising and PITEA can be relied upon to assist with tax and energy payments. We have had many fundraisers, Loaf and Ladle Dinners and raffles. We have joined MarketAmerica through their 501(c)3 assistance program and have received 5 payments of \$300 each with the help of many unfranchise dealers. Many Islanders have also given generously so that we could pay a portion of a property tax bill or for energy supplies for a household. As we begin our 7th year we find that we are a much smaller committee attempting to do a big job. We will need your help to keep going and we welcome your suggestions and ideas.

The Congregation of the Peaks Island Baptist Church has supported PITA, now PITEA for over 5 years. Besides sharing their space with us for our Loaf and Ladle Dinners, they have given regular donations for Energy Assistance. On Saturday, October 22, from 5-7 p.m., the Congregation will hold an Old-fashioned Bean Supper complete with franks, brown bread and more. "Cookie" will be making his bean and brown bread recipes, and members of the Church and PITEA will handle the rest. The cost is \$6 per adult and \$2.50 per child. All of the proceeds will be for Energy Assistance. See you there!

~ PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB ~

Dear Friends

The Peaks Island Lions Club is finishing another summer of lobster bakes. The time has come to disburse funds to worthy island concerns. Economic times have hit us as it has everyone, So please send requests that are really vital to your group. All requests should be received by Oct. 5th.

Please send requests to

Clark Smith
398 Island Ave
Peaks Island Me 04108

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
87 Central Avenue P.O. Box 52 Peaks Island, Maine 04108
766-2929, Fax: 766-5073

Dr. Pulsifer, Dr. Buehner, and Dr. Gates

Mary Grimaldi, Clinical Assistant/Administrator

The hours of operation at the Peaks Island Health Center are currently in flux due to Provider staffing issues. We will keep you informed of scheduling changes during this time of transition. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience, and we will continue to support you and meet your needs as best we can. Please call your primary care physician if you have an immediate concern, or you may call the Health Center and leave a message which will be retrieved during the week. We will respond as quickly as possible. **As always, if you have an emergency, please call 911 or go to the nearest hospital.**

The October schedule is as follows:

Dr. Muca (podiatrist): Monday, October 3 (rescheduled from Sept. 26), 8:30 to 2:00

Dr. Pulsifer: Wednesday, October 5, 8:30 to 2:00

LAB TECH: Tuesday, October 11, 8:30 to 10:00

FLU CLINIC: Tuesday, October 11, 8:30 to 11:00

Dr. Buehner: Thursday, October 13, 8:30 to 2:00

Dr. Pulsifer: Tuesday, October 18, 8:30 to 2:00

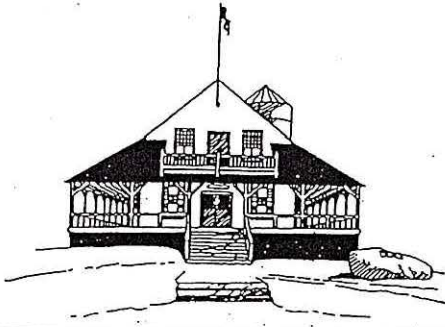
Dr. Gates: Friday, October 28, 10:15 to 2:00 (end time not definite)

InterMed is actively recruiting a new practitioner, and we are hopeful that the Health Center will return to its regular schedule soon.

SENIOR NEWS

There was a party at the Fay Garman House on September 12th when the Seniors met at noon. We had a wonderful turnout for lunch and a festive gathering to say goodbye to Judith McAllister, the "Purple Lady". Thank you to all for the many delicious dishes that were brought to the potluck. The beautifully decorated cakes and desserts were wonderful. After lunch, we had a surprise visit from Rhonda Dale and Kevin Attra. They entertained us with many of our favorite songs.

The next senior potluck luncheon will be held at the Fay Garman House on Monday, October 10th at noon. All Seniors are welcome! If you don't consider yourself a Senior, come anyway!!!



FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM
P.O. Box 41
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-3330 • fifthmaine@juno.com

It's that time of year again! The Fifth Maine's annual end-of-the-season **Harvest Supper** is scheduled for Saturday October 8 with two seatings: 5:30 & 7:00 pm. Once again, chef Bill Hinderer will be preparing a mouth watering repast of pot roast and gravy, an assortment of fall vegetables, homemade rolls, desserts, and beverages. A not to be missed evening out with family and friends. Tickets are \$14 per adult and \$7 per child under 10. Reservations are recommended as the supper usually sells out. To reserve yours, call 766-5514.

The museum is open weekends through Columbus Day. Special tours may be arranged by appointment throughout October by calling 766-5514. We'll do our best to accommodate you. If you haven't seen our 2011 exhibit, *School Days School Days*, this month would be a great time to come by. A new exhibit is being planned to take its place in the spring.

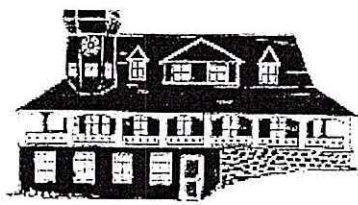
Home Start

As fall begins, work on the new affordable rental homes for Peaks Island is also expected to begin through a community partnership among Home Start, Peaks Island Fund, Peoples United Community Foundation and Volunteers of America of Northern New England.

During the last week of September, renovations and energy upgrades to the existing home, 18 Luther St, while site work for the new construction also begins. Of first order will be clearing the trees from the existing site of the new homes. This work is expected to be followed by the initial ground work to the site and on Luther St. initial site work will provide for utilities and services to the new homes which are expected to be built over the late fall and early winter.

Home Start's existing year round rental is still available for rent, rent to own or purchase to qualified applicants. Energy upgrades will begin this week and are expected to be completed around October 1st. When complete, the house will be available for rent, rent to own or purchase to an interested year round Peaks Islander. Interested applicants should visit the Home Start Web site, www.peaksislandhomestart.org, or the library on Peaks Island for applications.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Tuesday, October 25, by 6 pm. Bring articles copy ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door when the library is closed.



**Eighth Maine Regiment Memorial
Living Museum and Lodge
13 Eighth Maine Ave.
Peaks Island, ME 04108**

(207) 766 – 5086

www.8thMaine.org

EighthMaineHouse.org EighthMaine.com

October Events:

Saturday: October 8, 2011 at 8:00 PM

CONCERT and DANCE @ THE EIGHTH MAINE

Come and enjoy the music of some of our talented island musicians and the company of your friends and families as we celebrate the end of another fine summer on Peaks Island. Check our website and island bulletin boards for updates.

October Schedule:

We will be open until Tuesday: October 11, 2011 with history filled house tours from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM daily and overnight guest accommodations. Come revel in the beautiful Fall weather here on Peaks Island with its low humidity, warm sunny days and crisp, cool nights perfect for cuddling.

Many thanks to all of you who came out to enjoy our events, tours or stays at the Eighth Maine this summer. We appreciate being a part of the Peaks community and being able to share our love for this special place with you and your friends and families.

See more information on upcoming events at: <http://www.8thMaine.org>

Peaks Environmental Action Team

Despite all the rain, this year's Coast Week Cleanup was very successful, largely due to the efforts of students from the Aucocisco School in Cape Elizabeth. They came out a week earlier and collected massive amounts of trash, which we included in our tally.

By week's end we estimated an overall weight of about 1200 pounds of debris. Remnants of lobster gear and rope were the greatest contributors to the weight, but we surmise that the most damaging items were the incredible numbers of tiny particles of expanded styrofoam. Along with discarded cigarettes, these do the most harm to marine wildlife. If you want to lessen this impact, don't use styrofoam coolers and cups on the beach. It goes without saying, of course, that smokers should carry away their butts.

**From Mike Murray, Island Neighborhoods Liaison
Absentee Ballots for City Council Election Available**

For any of you who wish to obtain an absentee ballot for the November 8, 2011, the following link explains the various options voters have. People may apply now for absentee ballots, and the ballots will be mailed once the City Clerk's Office receives them from the printer. Please feel free to contact the City Clerk's Office at 874-8677 with any questions.

<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/voter/howtogetanabsenteeballot.pdf>

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise (766-2970 or dlm@portlandmaine.gov) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island - Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Denise will be on vacation from Oct. 6 to October 12 (returning on Oct. 13). All reservations for that week **MUST** be made prior to 10/6. Check facility schedule on-line (<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/rec/peaksislandcc.asp>); however, all reservations must be made through Denise.

Check Denise's bulletin board (on door as you enter the com. bldg.) for last-minute opportunities for in-town programs. Occasionally there are openings for events (trips, lectures, & other activities) sponsored by Portland Recreation and other community programs.

FIRST MONDAY FUN for PRESCHOOLERS/ADULTS

Monday, October 3 11am to 12 pm (com. rm.)

Bring your little ones and have some Fall fun making crafty "treasures" – we may also dance and sing!

MAKING PEAKS ISLAND'S LONGEST SCARF!

Monday, October 3 Drop in between 12–2:00 pm (com. rm.)
There is still time to join in the fun as donations don't start until early December. Yarn and needles provided.

PEAKS CAFÉ GET-TOGETHER

Thursday, October 13 Meet at Café at 11:00 am
Meet at the Café for food, fun & friendship. Please sign up with Denise ahead of time (sign-up sheet on Denise's door).

OLD-FASHION SONGS

Thursday, October 20 10:45 – 11:45 am
Sing along to Mitch Miller and his gang! Bring a record album and listen to it on an old-fashion stereo! BYO lunch if you'd like to eat together afterwards.

BINGO FUN

(with some "Trick or Treat" prizes)

Thursday, October 27 10:45 – 11:45 am

AND 2:45 – 3:15 pm

Add to the fun by sharing your favorite Halloween stories.

AFTERNOON MOVIE: *THE GHOST & MRS. MUIR*

Friday, October 28 * 12:30 – 2:15 pm

* Optional BYO lunch at noon This timeless romantic favorite, made in 1947 and starring Gene Tierney and Rex Harrison, traces the complex development of friendship and love.

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE: *THE GHOSTBUSTERS (PG)*

Friday, October 28 2:45 – 4:30 pm

Three unemployed parapsychology professors set up shop as a unique ghost removal service.

LAUGHTER YOGA (in community room)

Monday, October 31 Drop in between 11-12:30pm

Receive all the health benefits of laughter—even if it's intentional (fake) laughter. Led by a certified laughter yoga leader.

On-going exercise programs for Adults

Mondays & Thursdays: Walking at 8:30 am – meet at com. rm

Low-Impact Exercise Program from 9:30-10:30 am – com. rm

Tuesday afternoons: Table Tennis at 2:00 pm – com. rm.

Adult Basketball – PI School Gym 6:00 – 7:50 pm

Special Event in the Riverton neighborhood:

Please check the island bulletin boards about a non-competitive walk on Saturday, October 22 to include the historic Riverton Trolley Park. Sorry, transportation is not available to this event



Saturday Night Movies in October



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

Oct	6 PM	Octu	8 PM
1	<i>The Apple Dumpling Gang</i> (1975) G, 100 min	1	<i>Field of Dreams</i> (1995) PG, 106 min
8	<i>Popeye</i> (1980) PG, 114 min	8	<i>Last Year at Marienbad</i> (1961) NR, 94 min
15	<i>Rio</i> (2011) PG, 96 min	15	<i>Vertigo</i> (1958) PG, 128min
22	<i>Dragon Hunters</i> (2008) PG, 80 min	22	<i>Fighter</i> (2010) PG-13, 115 min
29	<i>The Dog Who Saved Halloween</i> (2011) PG, 92 min	29	<i>Rear Window</i> (1954) PG, 115 min

Children must be accompanied by an adult.